THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Admission in Medical Colleges for MBBS Course**

2834. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of students admitted each year in various Medical Colleges for MBBS course;

(b) whether there is a prescribed limit of number of students being admitted in each Medical College;

(c) how many medical graduates passed out each year;

(d) the amount Government spends on a trained medical graduate;

(e) what is the population-doctor ratio in the country at present; and

(f) the number of medical colleges not recognised by the Medical Council of India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Medical Council of India have informed that about 14000 to 15000 students are admitted each year in the MBBS Course.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Council while granting recognition fixes the number of seats admissible to each college.

(c) About 13000 to 14000 Medical Graduates pass out each year from various Medical Colleges in India.

(d) The expenditure involved to train a Medical Graduate in Centrally administered Medical Colleges is estimated at Rs. 4 to 5 lakhs approximately.

(e) The Doctor-population ratio in the country at present is 1:2312.

(f) 26 Medical Colleges are not recognised by the Medical Council of India.

**Standards of Medical Education**

2835. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for fast deteriorating standards of medical education both at graduate as well as post-graduate level;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to improve the standard of medical education in the country;

(c) whether Government are considering delinking training and examination at post-graduate level to improve standard of specialists; and

(d) what is the contribution of various medical scientific bodies i.e. Association of Surgeons of India, Association of Physicians in India, towards maintaining standard of medical education and training in this country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The primary reason for determinating standards was the mushroom growth of sub-standard colleges. The Government have amended the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 with the objective of checking the unplanned growth of medical colleges at the cost of maintenance of standards.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Various Associations hold continuing medical education programmes to share their experiences and update the knowledge of their members.

**Meeting of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare**

2836. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four key medical bodies of the country namely Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India, the Nursing Council of India and pharmacy Council of India did not attend the three-day meeting of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare; and

(b) if so, the reasons threrefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Representatives of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Councils of India attended the Conference as per invitation extended to them. The President of the Nursing Council regretted inability to attend.

(b) Question does not arise.

2837. *[Transferred to 26th August, 1993.]*

**देश में प्रतिबंधित दवाओं की बिक्री**

2838. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि विश्व के कई देशों में प्रतिबंधित लगभग 515 दवायें भारत में खुले आम बेची जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन प्रतिबंधित दवाओं की बिक्री रोकने के लिए सरकार ने क्या उपाय किये है; और

(ग) देश में इन दवाओं को बेचने वाली कम्पनियों की संख्या क्या है तथा उनके नाम क्या-क्या हैं और उनके विरुध्द क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द)** : (क) से (ग) यह सही नहीं है कि कई देशों में प्रतिबंधित 505 औषधियां भारत में बेची जाती हैं । 44 औषधियां जिनके बारे में विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन की यह सूचना है कि उन औषधियों का कुछ देशों में उपयोग रोक दिया गया है उनमें से 11 औषधों का सरकार ने विशेषज्ञों तथा औषध तकनीकी सलाहकार बोर्ड की सलाह पर प्रतिबंधित कर दिया है, 26 औषधों को विपणन की अनुमति नहीं दी हैं तथा बाकी सात अनुमत औषधों का विपणन जारी रखने की अनुमति दी है । चूंकि 7 औषधों को विशेषज्ञों द्वारा भारत में उपयोग समझा जाता है, किसी प्रकार की कार्रवाई का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Outbreak of Measles and Gastroenteritis in Uttar Pradesh**

2839. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the outbreak of measles and gastroenteritis in the State of Uttar Pradesh, if so, how many persons died as a result thereof and the names of the districts inflicted;

(b) what steps Government have taken to contain the two diseases, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there have some lapses on the part of the State Health Department to prevent such a scourage, if so, the details and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Directory of Potential Blood Donors**

2840. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item in the Times of India dated 15-7-93 captioned 'ALIGARH'S LIFELINE OF GOOD BLOOD';

(b) whether Government propose to encourage the formation of groups of people motivation to build up a directory of potential blood donors;

(c) what steps Government have initiated to make available clean, disease-free blood to patients all over the country; and

(d) the details of such concrete steps ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government have started a comprehensive programme to ensure availability of infection-free blood all over the country. Testing of Blood for HIV has been made mandatory and for testing of blood 180 Zonal Blood Testing Centres have been set up all over the country. Linkages have been provided to all Blood Banks with the Zonal Blood Testing Centres. For emergency situation Rapid Testing Kits have been provided.

**W. H. O.s concern for Health Care**

2841. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether W. H. O. is given maximum emphasis regarding health care;

(b) the details of priorities as expressed by W. H. O.;

(c) whether many officers of his Ministry are on deputation to W. H. O.; and

(d) if so, whether there is any interaction between W. H. O. and your Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.